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Amendments to the Abstract:

Please amend the abstract as follows:

A ~~processing substrate~~ disposable cutting sheet for cutting and preparation of food items thereon comprises a first material cut-resistant layer having a liquid-permeable surface first surface area and including a cellulosic ply and a thermoplastic material ply, wherein the thermoplastic material ply of the first layer includes a plurality of apertures therethrough. The cutting sheet further includes a second material disposed adjacent to the first material and having a liquid-absorbent portion and a third material disposed adjacent the second material and having a liquid-impermeable surface layer having a second surface area and including a cellulosic ply and a thermoplastic material ply. The cellulosic ply of the first layer is disposed on and secured to the cellulosic ply of the second layer such that portions of the thermoplastic and cellulosic plies of the second layer extend beyond the surface area of the first layer to form a border completely surrounding the first layer.